Petrol Pumps in the Country

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps operating in the country, State-wise and company-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many pumps are operated by the concerned companies themselves on Labour contracts;

(c) whether there are fixed norms or rules that contract to operate pumps shall be given to those who fulfil those norms;

(d) if not, whether concerned company will award a labour contract to anyone of their choice; and

(e) the reasons for such practice of awarding labour contract to operate petrol pumps which invite large scale corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 1.10.2001, there were 18401 retail outlets (petrol pumps) operating in the country.

(b) to (e) Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) retail outlets and Jubilee Retail Outlets (JROs) are operated with an officer of the Oil Marketing Company (OMC) concerned as over-all in-charge of the outlet. Labour assistance is provided through contractor to the company officer for day-to-day operation. Labour contractors are appointed by the OMCs in accordance with the guidelines laid down in this regard.